

The Hongkong Telegraph.



No. 426.

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

ECONOMY IN GAS.

SUGG'S FLAT FLAME BURNERS
GIVE A
SILENT WHITE FLAME
AND EFFECT AN ECONOMY IN GAS OF
30 per cent.
they can be readily attached to ordinary
Gasaliers and Brackets.

SUGG'S NEWEST BURNERS with Artistic
shades for DRAWING ROOM and DINING
ROOM.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong.

**ARTISTIC PORCELAIN MENU
STANDS.**
**HAND-ETCHED MENU AND NAME
CARDS.**

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

DEVOS' NONPAREIL KEROSENE, 150
Degrees fire test, a perfectly safe oil.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1883. [340]

Insurances.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1883.

**RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN
SHIPPING.**
Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1883. [457]

NOTICE.

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)
The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

GENERAL NOTICE.

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)**

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333-33-
RESERVE FUND.....\$79,858-27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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LO YOK MOON, Esq., CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

**NATIONAL MARINE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.**

THE Undersigned as AGENTS for the above
are prepared to accept RISKS on MER-
CHANDISE by STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS
from Hongkong, China, and Japan to all parts
of the world.

For further information apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1883. [393]

**YANGTSE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000-00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000-00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 318,235-56

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 31st
March, 1883.....Tls. 968,235-56

DIRECTORS.

F. D. HITCH, Esq., Chairman.
C. LUCAS, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.,

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Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest
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Underwriting BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [83]

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

FIRST INTERIM BONUS of Twenty
per cent. upon Contributions for the year
1882 has this day been DECLARED.

WARRANTS may be had on Application at
the Office of the Society on and after the 21st
Instant.

By Order of the Board
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [400]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,

the 13th day of June, 1883, by order of the
MORTGAGEE, on the Spot, at 2 P.M.,
All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered
in the Land Office as INLAND LOT
No. 229A. Together with the House in
West Street, Tai Ping Shan, No. 48, measur-
ing on the North and South 19 feet, East and
West 40 feet. Yearly Crown Rent \$6.82.

Also,
All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered
in the Land Office as INLAND LOT
No. 229B. Together with the House No.
49 in West Street, Tai Ping Shan, measuring
North and South 18 feet, East and West,
40 feet. Yearly Crown Rent \$4.68.

For Particulars, apply to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1883. [426]

FURNITURE SALE.

**ELEGANT ENGLISH AND AMERICAN
FURNITURE.**

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will Sell by
Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 14th June, 1883, at Two O'CLOCK P.M., at
the Residence of Mrs. SANDS "The Castle,"
THE WHOLE OF HER
ENGLISH AND AMERICAN MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

MAHOGANY MARBLE-TOP TABLES,
CRETONNE COVERED CHAIRS, MAHO-
GANY MOROCCO COVERED COUCHES
& CHAIRS, PLATED ORNOLU MOUNTED
FENDER and FIRE IRONS, MIRRORS,
DINING TABLE, MAHOGANY SIDE-
BOARD, WHATNOT, CHAIRS, GLASS,
CROCKERY and PLATED WARE.

A ROSEWOOD BED ROOM SUITE,
comprising:—

CARVED BEDSTEAD with SPRING and
HORSE HAIR MATTRESSES, WARD-
ROBE with MIRROR FRONT, BUREAU,
WASHSTAND with MARBLE-TOP.

IRON BEDSTEDS, CHEVAL GLASS,
WARDROBES, &c.

Also,
HANDSOME INDIAN CARPET,
2 FINE OIL PAINTINGS by GEISER,
1 PENDULUM CLOCK by MORICE, London.

Catalogues will be issued, the Furniture on
view from the AFTERNOON, of the 13th.

TERMS.—Cash.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [449]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from E. J. ACKROYD, Esq., Registrar, to
Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 15th day of June, 1883, at NOON, on board—
THE STEAMER "YOTTUNG"

of 286 Tons Register or thereabouts,
And

IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, ON BOARD
THE STEAMER "HONGKONG."

The above STEAMERS will be Sold as they
now lie in this Harbor with all their
APPURTENANCES, TACKLE, AP-
PAREL, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase
money to be paid on the fall of the hammer,
balance on completion of Transfer. The Vessels
to be at Purchaser's risks on the fall of the
hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1883. [439]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 16th day of June, 1883, on board, at 3 P.M.,
THE BARQUE "ALVA," of 632 Tons Register,

built of OAK and TEAK, Copper fastened,
will be Sold with all her TACKLE, AP-
PAREL, &c., as she now lies in this
Harbour, in one Lot.

Chronometers, and the Europe and Manila
Rope, an extra Set of New Sails, Bolts of Canvas,
&c., will be Sold in separate Lots.

For Terms of Sale and Inventory, apply to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 7th June, 1883. [441]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. CARL F. STIEBEL will hold Our
Power of Attorney and Sign the Name
of Our Firm from this date.

DEETJEN & Co.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1883. [416]

NOTICE.

MR. JEHN ROSSELET is AUTHORIZED
to Sign Our Name per procuration from
this date.

J. ULLMANN & Co.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1883. [389]

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day Established myself as
MERCHANT & COMMISSION AGENT
at this Port under the name of PO SHUN

YANG HONG 行洋順保
CHEONG QUAN SANG.

CAOON YUNE STREET,
街源音
Canton, 1st June, 1883. [427]

REQUIRED.

A SINGLE MAN without Encumbrances as
STEWARDS for the ROYAL NAVAL SEA-
MEN'S CLUB.

SALARY \$1 PER DIEM.
Applications with testimonials to be sent to the

HON. SECRETARY,
H.M. Naval Yard.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1883. [438]

Intimations.

"NOVELTY STORE," MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

JUST RECEIVED.

A SMALL CONSIGNMENT OF MALTESE LACE AND SILVER FILIGREE WORK,
COMPRISING:—

White and Black Silk Trimming Lace.
" Cotton Trimming Lace.
" Silk Handkerchief Border.
" Silk Circular and Square Doilies.
" and Black Silk Fichu.
" Silk Parasol Cover.
" Cotton Parasol Cover.
" Silk Veil and Scarf.
" Silk Collar and Cuffs.
" Silk Collar Breast Pendant.
" Silk Collar Breast Pointed.
" Cotton Collar Breast Pointed.
" and Black Silk Necktie.
" and Silk Mittens.
Silver Filigree Pendant, St. John's Cross & Crown.
" Earrings to match the above.
" Fancy Pendant.
" Plain Chain Necklet.
" Fancy Locket.
" Fancy Bracelet.
" Brooch (Love Knot).
" (Marguarite).
" (Slipper).
" (Shell).
" (Circular).
" (Fan).
" (Lily).
Earrings to match the above.

AN INSPECTION IS RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED.
ANY OF THE ABOVE ORDERED THROUGH THIS "STORE" WILL BE
CHARGED FOR AT COST PRICE.

S. MEYERS,
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 11th June, 1883. [28]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

NEW SPRING GOODS.

EX S.S. "GLENCOE."

EX S.S. "GLENOGLE."

WHITE DRESS MATERIALS.

CREAM DRESS MATERIALS.
NUNS' VEILINGS in every Color.

SUMMER BEIGES in every Color.
GALATEAS for Day's Washing Suits.

WHITE UNO MUSLINS.
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WHITE VICTORIA LAWNS.
BLACK and COLORED SUNSHADES.

LADIES' PATENT LEATHER SLIPPERS.
LADIES' & CHILDREN'S BOOTS & SHOES.

New Patterns in POMPADOIR SATEENS.
Plain Colored SATEENS in every Shade.

FRENCH PERCALES in every Pattern.
Specialties in ZEPHYR CHECKS.

CANVAS CORSETS for Summer Wear.
SUMMER PAJAMAH FLANNELS.

Novelties in LADIES' SILK UMBRELLAS.
Trimmed & Untrimmed HATS & BONNETS.

A Choice Selection of FLOWERS.
OSTRICH TIPS & FLATS in Light Colours.

INKSTANDS in Great Variety.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1883. [249]

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST ESTABLISHED ON THEIR PREMISES AT THE REAR OF THE STORE,
A LARGE

PRINTING AND BOOK-BINDING OFFICE.

THE PLANT is quite new, the machinery being of the best and most recent construction,
and the type, which has been selected with the greatest care, includes not
only all the Standard Fonts, but an immense variety of styles in FANCY LETTERS
and ORNAMENTATION.

MERCANTILE PRINTING.

UNDER this head, we are prepared to execute Quickly and Cheaply all kinds of Book
Work, Commercial Reports and Circulars, Bills of Lading, Shipping, Invoice, and
Memorandum Forms, Letter Headings, Annual Statements and Reports, Telegraph
Codes, Price Lists, Forms of Bills of Exchange, Receipts, Delivery and Godown Orders,
&c., &c. We invite the fullest comparison of our Prices with those of other houses, whether
in Hongkong or at Home.

FANCY PRINTING.

WE intend to make a specialty of this class of work. Having a most extensive and
varied assortment of Fancy Type, which will be maintained at the highest possible
Standard of excellence, by the addition of the newest designs immediately they are issued
from the leading English and American Foundries, we are in a position to produce first
class work, and feel confident that our efforts in this direction will give satisfaction.

GOLD, SILVER AND COLOUR PRINTING.

WILL RECEIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION.
MUSIC BOOKS, PROGRAMMES, INVITATIONS, VISITING CARDS,
WEDDING, AT HOME, AND LAWN TENNIS CARDS.

BOOK-BINDING.

BOOKS carefully bound in Morocco, Russia, Cloth, or in any required style.
Special terms quoted for binding the books of Club, Customs, or Private Libraries.
Music bound in limp leather or cloth, and finished in the best style of workmanship.

ACCOUNT BOOK MANUFACTURERS.

ACCOUNT BOOKS of every description, manufactured from Hand or Machine Made
Paper, ruled and printed to any Pattern, however intricate, and strongly bound.

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CHIT BOOKS of all kinds for Ladies, for Gentlemen, for Business, and for Official use.
All CHIT BOOKS purchased from our stock will be lettered free of charge.

The office is under experienced European management and subject to our constant
personal supervision.

Our prices will be found as reasonable as is consistent with sound workmanship and
good material.

The Machinery at our command will enable us to undertake work of the cheapest
kind, competing in this respect with the Chinese Estimates.

We shall at all times be glad to furnish Estimates.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1883. [560]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST LANDED.

CIGARETTES:

**SWEET CAPORAL, & CAPORAL, FULL CAPORAL, STRAIGHT CUT, SULTANA with
ENAMELLED MOUTHPIECE.**

NEW CIGARETTE TOBACCO.

THE NEW PATENT CIGAR LIGHTER.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHS

OF MRS. LANGTRY, COLORED AND UNCOLORED.

NEW SEASIDE LIBRARY!

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GEMS OF ENGLISH SONG.

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WORLD OF SONG.

GEMS OF THE DANCE.

WALDTEUFEL'S ALBUM.

MUSICAL FAVORITE.

**NEW ENGINEERING BOOKS, AND A QUANTITY OF AMERICAN NOVELTIES
NEVER BEFORE IMPORTED.**

W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1883. [703]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

**CHRONOMETER, WATCH, AND
CLOCK-MAKERS.**

**JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS, AND
OPTICIANS.**

CHARTS AND BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

SOLE AGENTS
for Louis Audemars' Watches, awarded the
highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and
for Voigtlander and Sohn's
CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE
GLASSES, AND STROBILASCOPE.

No. 25, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [447]

GUEDES & CO.

PRINTERS, STATIONERS, AND BOOKBINDERS.

PAQUILLER STREET.

EVERY KIND OF WORK EXECUTED WITH
ACCURACY, NEATNESS, AND DESPATCH
ON
VERY MODERATE TERMS.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR MARKET REPORTS.

Book-binding and Telling in every style executed
at low rates. Workmanship Guaranteed.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1882. [4]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND
CALCUTTA.**

THE Steamship

"JAPAN,"
Captain T. S. Gardner, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 14th instant,
at THREE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [445]

**FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AND
ADELAIDE.**

(Via FOCHOW, and outside of NEW GUINEA),
granting through Bills of Lading for other
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

THE Steamship

"OCEAN,"
Captain Brown, will be despatched on the 17th
instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [448]

**NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE
DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.**

THE Steamship

"STAMBOUL,"
Maigre, Commander, will sail on or about
the 25th instant, for MARSEILLES,
via SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, and SUEZ; and with leave to call at
PENANG and TUTICORIN. In connection
with these Steamers the Company runs a Line
from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON,
leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the
Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regularly
from MARSEILLES to numerous Ports in the
MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA, by
which through freight may be booked.

The Company has a Forwarding Agency, at
Paris, 9, Rue de Rougemont, giving special
facilities to Shippers.

Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and
Stewardess.

FARES 1ST CLASS, 2ND CLASS,
Hongkong to Marseilles \$300 \$240.

RETURN TICKETS are now granted by the
Steamers of this line available for the
undetermined periods, to be reckoned from the
date of arrival at Marseilles of the Steamer for
which the Ticket is issued to the date of re-
embarkation there of the Holder of the Ticket.

6 Months.....\$520.....\$410.
12 ".....560.....445.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMEN,
PERFUMERS,
IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS

OF
MANILA CIGARS,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
AND
MANUFACTURERS
OF
AERATED WATERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY,
24, NANKIN ROAD, SHANGHAI.

NOTICIA INGLESA,
14, ESCOLTA, MANILA.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY, FOCHOW.

MARRIAGE.
On the 11th instant, at St. John's Cathedral,
by the Rev. W. Jennings, MAX, eldest son
of Jules Scharrer, of Martburg, Germany, to
ELIZABETH ANN, only daughter of Mr. Ho Amel,
Director of the On Tai Insurance Co., &c., Hong-
kong, late of Melbourne. [457]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1883.

In 1870 when M. EMILE OLLIVIER, Prime Minister of France under Napoleon III, announced the celebrated declaration of war against Germany, he confidently boasted that he entered into what he could hardly fail to know was certain to prove the most stupendous struggle of modern days, "with a light heart." The gay and volatile statesman had evidently underestimated the gigantic and almost impossible undertaking to which he had rashly pledged the Empire; and the disastrous results which quickly attended the opening of the campaign and led to the overthrow of the OLLIVIER Government on August 9th, 1870, causing the complete political effacement of its head, and leading to the formation of the Republic on the ruins of the Napoleonic autocracy, proved on what thoroughly unstable grounds the boasted confidence of M. OLLIVIER had been based. The "light heart" of the versatile Premier was the cause of many heavy hearts in France. There is something analogous in this fatal portion of M. OLLIVIER's history to one of our local politicians, who has in many respects apparently taken the French statesman as a model. The local politician we allude to is the Honourable FRANCIS BULKELEY JOHNSON; the *liti noire* is his Tramway mania.

In introducing the Hongkong Tramways Bill at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 26th ulto. Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON informed the members that when he arrived in this Colony over two years ago, a most influential meeting of residents asked him to undertake the charge of a Tramways Bill for Hongkong. "I did so," says Mr. JOHNSON in the historic language of M. EMILE OLLIVIER, "with a light heart," quite unaware of the onerous task I had taken on myself; and I am bound to say that the delay which has occurred in passing this Bill is due, not so much to the hostility of any enemies it may have, as to the assiduous attentions of its well meaning friends." Although this statement of the honourable gentleman's may appear a trifle paradoxical to those acquainted with the whole of the circumstances, it is probably very near the absolute truth. There can be no doubt that in the Franco-German struggle the French owed their repeated defeats almost as much to the assiduous attentions of well meaning friends as to the superior strength and discipline of the German legions—and many other important measures of reform besides our local tramway schemes have been frustrated in the same manner. In regard to the old Tramways Bill it may be asked—what well meaning friend must be held chiefly responsible for the opposition which caused its withdrawal? We fear there can only be one answer to that query. The entire management of the Bill, as the honourable member himself frankly admits, was entrusted to Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON; he had supreme and autocratic powers vested in him to do whatever he considered advisable, and it is no secret that he used those powers most arbitrarily and to the fullest extent. For whatever failure, therefore, that attended the career of the former Bill, one well meaning friend is principally, nay, almost solely to blame—and that one well meaning friend is Mr. FRANCIS BULKELEY JOHNSON.

We have said that the honourable unofficial member has a mania for tramways. It would perhaps be more accurate to say

that he has a restless but perfectly laudable ambition to distinguish himself in carrying out all kinds of innovations and modern improvements. Mr. JOHNSON strove very hard, though unsuccessfully, to introduce tramways in Shanghai some years ago; it was therefore, perhaps not particularly singular that he should attempt to give life to his hobby in Hongkong. Although it has been our lot on several occasions to write disparagingly of the attempt to introduce a tramway system into this colony, we are staunch advocates of tramways where the surroundings are suitable. Our objections to Mr. JOHNSON's Tramways Bill have been based on the fact—now admitted by Mr. JOHNSON himself—that the narrowness of our streets renders the scheme totally impracticable under existing circumstances. We have further argued that the conditions of our local traffic present an almost insuperable obstacle to success. Remove these admitted drawbacks, make sensible provisions studying the interests of the general community, show the faintest possibility by reasonable reliable estimates that the affair will prove financially successful—in other words that it is a sound and not a bogus concern—and the Hongkong Tramways Bill will have no more ardent advocate and supporter than this journal.

As Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON very truly expressed it—a tramway, if it is to be successful at all, must be an institution for the benefit of the whole community, and not for that of any special class. Beyond, however, affirming that, in his belief, along the whole line designated in the bill, the Company, by narrowing the width of the gauge, contracting their carriages, and regulating the rate of speed to meet the condition of our roads, would run their cars not only with great success and convenience to the public but with entire safety to passengers; Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON has never yet demonstrated in any practical manner how a tramway system in Hongkong is to be an institution for the benefit of the whole community. A mere guess or speculation based on nothing excepting the worthy unofficial member's "belief" is hardly sufficient to satisfy a critical government or an exacting public. There is only one road in the whole of the Colony in any way suited for a tramway, and on which cars could run with any reasonable prospects of success. That road is the Praya Central which stretches in one continuous line from near Lap-sap-wan in the west to the City Hall, embracing in its route of about one mile in length, almost the whole of the commercial emporiums in the Colony. Eastward of the City Hall we are not acquainted with a single business house. There are a few godowns and an engineering establishment on Praya East, and away at East Point are the magnificent warehouses of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON, & Co., and the manufactory of the China Sugar Refinery under the management of the same firm. As we are at present situated it appears that a line could only be laid on Praya Central, a distance of about one mile, but even there the road is so narrow and the traffic of such a character that the attempt to run tramways would inevitably result in total failure. It was originally proposed to run the cars out to Causeway Bay, but as the place is a dreary swamp with only some half dozen Chinese huts on the adjacent Shau-ki-wan Road, under existing circumstances the attempt would be the height of folly.

The Tramways Bill as proposed—it has been passed through all its stages in the Legislative Council—is a mere farce, and nobody knows that better than Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON. The latter portion of his speech to the Council proves the truth of this assertion. The honourable member concluded with the following extraordinary remarks—"But, Sir, before the sanction of His Majesty's Government is finally given to this Bill, I hope that the energetic action of the Department of Public Works under your Excellency's Government will have arranged it that a widened and continuous Praya will run along the entire length of this fair city and that before the promoters come to make this Bill effective, they will have a commodious and convenient highway on which to run the tramway. I have every confidence in submitting this Bill to the Council. It will be a measure of great public advantage, and will promote the industrial prosperity of the colony. I beg to move the first reading of the Tramway Ordinance." If the promoters of the Hongkong tramways are contented to wait before they make their Bill effective until "a widened and continuous Praya runs along the entire length of this fair city" and until they "have a commodious and convenient highway on which to run the tramway" there will be no cars running in this Colony for the next century at least, and probably at that distant period the prospect will be as hopeless as it is at the present day. If the city could be entirely remodelled, and re-built with streets twice or thrice their present width, and the Artillery Barracks, Naval Yard Establishment and Ordnance Store Dept transplanted to Kow-

loon, the other physical difficulties could easily be overcome, although financial success would still be doubtful; but as these alterations and improvements—for they would unquestionably be improvements—are simply impracticable on one side and impossible on the other, the Tramways Bill is a hopeless measure. Mr. EMILE OLLIVIER entered into the Franco-German war, and Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON undertook to introduce tramway cars into Hongkong—each with a light heart. The two enterprises were vastly different; but the practical results, in each instance inevitable from the first, were the same. Both M. EMILE OLLIVIER and Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON pledged themselves to perform impossibilities, and both met ignominious failure—the one completely effacing himself from the stage of modern politics, whilst the other seeks refuge in the vain indulgence of Quixotic hopes which are essentially characteristic and Utopian, and far removed from the bounds of possibility. Both these gentlemen perhaps find consolation in Seneca's well-known reference to great geniuses:—*Nullum in magnis ingenium sine mixtura demetit.*

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, June 8th.
THE ASCOT GOLD CUP.
M. Lefevre's ch. h. Triton, by Hermit out of Thrift, 5 yrs. (Fordham) (Fordham)
Lord Falmouth's ch. f. Dutch Oven, by Dutch Skater out of Cantilieri, 4 yrs. (Archier)
Lord Ellesmere's ch. h. Wallenstein, by Waverley out of Lady Wallenstein, 6 yrs. (Webb)

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Daring*, Commander F. J. Elliott, arrived at Shanghai from Kobe on the 5th instant.

THE visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended June 10th, were—European 189, Chinese 1,901; total 2,090.

WHILE France and Germany persecute the American pig, Sweden is manifesting a similar aversion to the American potato, and proposes to restrict its importation.

THE *North China Advertiser*, a new Shanghai morning daily, to be published in conjunction with the *Courier and Celestial Empire*, was issued for the first time on the 4th instant. We have not yet seen a copy of the new publication.

ACCORDING to the *Courier* of the 6th instant, H.B.M.'s flagship *Andacivis*, with Admiral Wilson on board, goes direct from Chinkiang to Chefoo. The despatch vessel *Vigilant* will come to Shanghai for despatches, and then go to Chefoo.

THE Shanghai *Mercury* has invented a new name for Herr Von Trompetblosser, the only living tragedian. In a notice of the first performance of the *Maestros Minstrels* in Shanghai, Daniel Edwards is alluded to as "the classic Bandmann." *Sydney Bulletin* please note.

A LONDON paper says the new "divided skirt" is a compromise between the Ottoman "shintyas," the Moorish "daboudoull" and the Japanese "hakama" costume. This is valuable information for which people have yearned with a mighty yearning for a long time past. We knew it all along.

At the meeting of the Woman's Suffrage Association on Monday evening, one of the speakers said: "We come armed with a knowledge of the past." This is terrible. Every man knows that when his wife comes to him armed with a knowledge of the past, he has got to do some pretty tall lying to make that past seem all right.

IN an important criminal case in Louisville, the Court (Judge Jackson) said: "The mere fact that a man has read newspaper accounts of this matter and received certain impressions, does not render him incompetent to sit as a juror. I do not intend to exclude intelligence from the jury box." We should like to have Judge Jackson's candid opinion of that wonderful absurdity, the English Libel Act.

O'DONOVAN Rossa says Herr Most is a little Dutch coward who would not dare kill a mosquito, and Herr Most says O'Donovan Rossa is an Irish blatherer who would run from anything that did not look like Irish whiskey. Rossa has started for Philadelphia to kill Most, and is reported that Most has started for New York to kill Rossa. Further particulars will be awaited with interest.

THE sick man's face became suddenly illumined with heavenly radiance; an unwonted light beamed from his eyes, and he moved his lips as if he would speak. His tearful wife bent down her ear to hear the last words that should pass those lips which were so soon to be stilled forever. In a faint whisper, but yet full of joy and peace and hope, the dying man murmured, "I die happy; I shall escape the house-cleaning!" Then all was still. His spirit had fled.

THE Peak Church will be opened for Divine Service on Sunday next, the 17th instant, at 5.30 p.m., by the Right Rev. Bishop Barron. At a meeting of the Committee of this Church, on Friday last it was decided that Church of England Services shall be held during the summer on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and nonconformist services on the 4th Sunday. The hour believed to be most convenient to all will be, as above, at 5.30 p.m. On the 4th Sunday of this month the Holy Communion will be administered according to the form of the Church of England, at 8 o'clock p.m. As there is a considerable debt on the building, and other expenses must yet be incurred in adding to the efficiency of the Church, there will be a collection of the *Church Service*.

THE remanded case in which Tsai Aki, a servant in the employ of F. Glover, sergeant at the Naval Yard, was charged on suspicion of stealing articles to the value of \$12, again came before the court to-day when Captain Thomsett sent the enterprising domestic to a 6 months' spell of hard labor in the model shop as a just reward for his selfish propensities.

THE *Scientific American* says that a non-conductor of electricity has yet to be found, for all substances hitherto discovered are conductors to the force under certain known conditions, but those which offer a greater resistance to it serve the purposes of non-conductors in practice, although they may be all classed as good or bad conductors. The best conductor known at present is silver, the worst is solid paraffin.

WE feel quite overpowered, and so no doubt will our readers after perusing the following thrilling paragraph, which we extract from the Shanghai *Mercury* of the 4th inst.—"Tongking is the English way of spelling the country to the South of China which is the cause of the present difficulties, and Tonquin the French. The two words are the phonetic way of spelling the word in each language. It is absurd therefore for an English journal to write Tonquin, which does not give the same pronunciation as it does in French, in which language its pronunciation is very close to that of Tongking in English."

THE famous chemist, M. Raoul Pictet, is trying his hand at steamboats in the way of getting more speed with the same outlay of power, by building a bottom that is parabolic in form, lengthwise. Transversely the bottom is nearly straight and the sides vertical. A keel reaching from about the middle incloses a screw shaft. The advantages of this curious plan do not appear until the vessel is in motion, when it rises out of the water, thus decreasing friction and increasing the speed. At an experiment on Lake Geneva, with a steamboat sixty-seven feet long and thirteen wide, it was found that an economy of one-half is realized. Evidently, however, the rocking-chair arrangement must be very disagreeable to passengers, and what is gained in time is lost in comfort.

IT was rumored in Shanghai a few days ago that one of the Chinese war vessels of the Pei Yang squadron, under the command of General Ting Ju-chang, of Korean celebrity, had been ordered to proceed to Canton en route for Annam. That there was some truth in this rumour was proved yesterday by the arrival in Hongkong harbour of the Chinese corvette *Wei Yuen*, direct from Wei Hai Wei and Shanghai, with the redoubtable Ting on board. After the *Wei Yuen* had saluted the port General Ting immediately went on board the Chinese gunboat *Fei Yuen*, which had previously arrived, for the purpose of paying his respects to General Woo, commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces in the south. We understand that Ting will assume the command of the Canton squadron, which is expected to be strongly reinforced from the north, whilst Woo proceeds to active service elsewhere. The *Wei Yuen* and *Fei Yuen* are under orders to proceed to a place called Tai Ping near Tiger Island, and will leave at daylight to-morrow.

THE present position of the medical profession is easily defined. Medical practitioners in England—and also in this colony—in point of law were placed on a new footing in many respects only a few years ago. The late statute (21 and 22 Vic. c.90), and later ones, gave the body of medical practitioners powers of self-government, so far as regards qualifications and training. All duly qualified persons (in England) are now registered, and the register is published, though it is not in strict law compulsory on practitioners to register themselves, the only disadvantage being that those who are not registered cannot fill certain offices and cannot sue for their fees. Before the late acts, physicians were on the same footing as barristers, and could not sue for their fees, these being considered an honorarium which ought to be paid beforehand, and at all events were not a legal debt. But the act remedies this defect as regards qualified registered practitioners. Another enactment of the recent statute, which was intended to put down quacks, but which is still found to be capable of evasion to some extent, was the giving of power to justices of the peace to punish with a fine of £20 or imprisonment those who falsely pretend to be, or take, or use the name or title of a physician, doctor of medicine, licentiate in medicine or surgery, bachelor of medicine, surgeon, general practitioner or apothecary.

SU AWING, a cook, fired Mr. Wodehouse this morning on a charge of stealing a silver chain valued at \$2 and money to the amount of \$10, yesterday. Ng Kan Tsai, the son of a blacksmith in Second Street, stated that he was 9 years of age. The defendant is a cook employed by his father. This morning between 7 and 8 o'clock he was standing in the doorway when he saw the cook take down a silver chain attached to a tooth brush from a wall in the kitchen, and put it in his pocket. The cook then entered his father's bed chamber and there took a parcel of money from close to where his father was lying asleep. His mother was at the time in the kitchen. On the cook going downstairs he roused his father when he ran after the thief and had him arrested. Ng Wing-lit stated that the defendant had been in his employment for five days. On Saturday last Mr. Su said he was going to leave, but remained in the premises till this morning. He was roused by his son who told him of the theft. He then went down to the Canton steamer wharf where he saw the absconding cook and had him given into custody. He has lost the run of the silver chain and \$10 in money which were in his bed. The servant knew the money was there as he was a general servant and had access to every part of the house. He got the pawn ticket for the chain from the defendant. Mr. Su stated in his defence that he did not take the money, but that he took the silver chain which he placed in charge of "mine uncle." His worship sent the dishonest culinary artist to six weeks' hard labor in the "abode of bliss."

LEONARD DUCHER and Jao Lemaing, of France, firemen on board the steamship *Arcelon*, faced Mr. Wodehouse this morning on a charge of being absent from their ship last Saturday without leave. Defendants admitted the charge and were sent on board their packet.

A HARDER and wicker-maker in Paris, years ago, had for a sign a picture of the death of Absalom, followed by the lines—

"O Absalom, O Absalom,
If thou hadst wove a periwig
Thou hadst not been undone."

PIRACY IN CHINESE WATERS.

At the Police Court this morning Tai Aai, described as a carpenter, was charged with being concerned in an act of piracy on the 2nd ultimo. Lo Kin Min, master of the *Kwong Shin Li* Chinese junk, stated that he left Hoifong (a place situated beyond Mrs. Bay) on the 1st ulto, with a cargo of 228 pigs and 10 baskets of eggs, also two passengers, bound for Hongkong. His crew consisted of seven persons all told. The capacity of the junk is about 600 piculs. When they were abreast of Poi Toi O at 4 p.m. on May 2nd a large junk bore down on them, and they were hailed by the people on board, who shouted that they must stop as they were Chinese Customs officers and wished to come on board. They did not stop as the junk did not fly the dragon flag, but a flag with two Chinese characters signifying "pirate." Their junk was going at a slow rate and the men in the strange craft opened fire on them with sixmuskets upon which they hailed, up and were at once boarded by ten men, amongst whom was the defendant. They were armed with revolvers and swords. The crew were all ordered into the hold, where they remained until 8 o'clock when the vessel anchored; they were then ordered to go on board the other junk which was lying along side. He noticed that they had a superior officer at Tam Kun Tan. The pirates then imprisoned them in the hold of their own junk, and soon after the anchor was weighed. On the night of the 9th ulto, they were all landed on the beach at a place which was afterwards discovered to be Tai Ushan, (Lan Tao?) They engaged a junk and came over to Hongkong and reported the affair to the police. The men who boarded them were no uniform. On the 10th May he met the defendant at Yau-mai, and at once identifying him as a pirate, he seized him and took him into custody. The junk and cargo lost was worth about \$2400. Chun Ahan, clerk on board the trading junk, and King Asam, a seaman, generally corroborated the skipper's tale, and P. C. Chew Wong, No. 378 having testified that he arrested Mr. Tai Aai at Yau-mai on the date named, Captain Thomsett committed that worthy to the safe keeping of Mr. Hayward, in Her Majesty's model establishment in Arbuthnot Road, until the next criminal sessions of the Supreme Court, when "my lord and a jury will duly give the serious charge their most careful consideration."

SPORTING GOSSIP.

It is to be hoped the decision arrived at on Thursday last, that a "Sky" Race Meeting be held at the end of October, will give an impetus to sport in Hongkong. Considering that a new departure from the beaten track has not been made, and that the new meeting will be held at a place where the wild enthusiasm which in other places in the world excepting this somewhat colony would have been a prominent feature in such a thoroughly sporting proposal, it would be decidedly unwise to indulge in any rosy predictions as to the affair being brought to a successful issue, at least until the preliminaries and general arrangements have been placed on a far more substantial basis than they are at present. The present state of the ingredients to form two half days excellent sport on the racetrack in the Autumn are ready to hand, and the support of the outside public so far as the slowness of war are concerned may be confidently relied on; but even with these important advantages, nothing satisfactory can be done without an efficient committee of management and the hearty co-operation of the purely sporting element of our community. Judging from the attendance and proceedings at Thursday's meeting these last named requisites form the difficulties of the position.

The attendance at the meeting convened by Mr. Tripp was not numerous, neither was it particularly influential from a sporting point of view, nor so thoroughly representative as one could have desired. Messrs. McCulloch, Fraser-Smith, Guedes, and the worthy C. C. were the only owners, and Messrs. Aubert, Essex and Coxon the only jockeys. The military element was conspicuous by its absence. It must be admitted that to anyone who has been accustomed to the admirable management of racing and athletic clubs in England, the primitive method of carrying on the business of public meetings customary in Hongkong in connection with such institutions is not calculated to inspire one with a favorable impression of the administrative capacity of our leading lights, but rather the contrary. This primitive method, or perhaps it would be more correct to say, want of method, is conspicuous even at many of the meetings of our joint stock companies, and it was painfully evident at the proceedings of last Thursday. This statement is proved by the fact that beyond passing a resolution that a "Sky" meeting should be held, absolutely nothing definite was accomplished.

As it had been ascertained for a positive certainty that the proposal to hold "Sky" Races in October would be adopted, I think that half a dozen influential sportsmen should have been previously solicited to allow themselves to be nominated as a managing committee. (Full has not been done, and when the necessity of appointing a committee was suggested, nobody was in a position to say who would or would not undertake the onerous duties.) The Chairman on the spur of the moment made up a list of gentlemen he imagined would do very well for the committee, but on second thoughts very properly refrained from submitting it to the meeting. As the success of the undertaking mainly depends upon the management, it was a wise measure to adjourn the meeting so that steps could be taken to secure the services of a body of gentlemen willing to devote their time and attention to drawing out a programme, soliciting subscriptions, encouraging young sportsmen in every possible way, and carrying out all other necessary arrangements. Besides, apart from all this, the list made out by the Chairman was anything but satisfactory, seeing that out of the half dozen gentlemen named only one has ever been in any way associated with Hongkong racing, and the rest as giving no substantial support to the meeting is concerned—and at least three of the number know nothing whatever about racing, and are not sporting men in any sense of the word. The committee ought to be composed principally of our local supporters of racing, persons of race, ponies, who know something of

sport and of racing management, and whose exertions and support are likely to conduce to the success of the undertaking.

The suggestion that athletic sports should form part of the programme is not, in my way of thinking, a happy one. Not that I see any particular objections to having a tug-of-war, and two or three foot races, but simply because a complete and most attractive bill of fare for a two days meeting can be arranged without having recourse to athletics. Before considering the programme question let us see what resources in the shape of ponies are available. We shall then be able to form something like a reliable estimate to guide us in shaping the various events.

In point of numbers the strongest supporter of the "Sky" races will most probably be Mr. F. S. Gordon, who has quite an array of available material in his "Hospital" at Robinson Road. Quality may be sadly lacking in this contingent, but for the kind of racing proposed quality does not happen to be a *virtue et non*, and quite as good sport can be obtained with ancient "corks" as with high class cattle. Mr. Gordon has the veterans Heather Bell, Infatuation, Dauntless, and Robble Burns, besides such later aspirants for a niche in the racing temple of fame as Cutty Sark and Darley, so that in every department of the game, on the flat, across country, and on the trotting track, the "primrose and blue" should be powerfully represented. That game old sport, Mr. W. M. Morgan, will be well to the fore with that good steady Reel, (third for the Keelson Cup at our last meeting), the sturdy Fough-a-ballagh (winner of the Opal Cup) and the shapely Domino Noir, whilst the once highly thought-of Blunder Blas, in the same stable, should carry Mr. Bromhead's light blue jacket prominently amongst the duffers.

Mr. Paul has nothing in Hongkong at the present time, but as this levitation of the Far East has about three dozen ponies in training in Shanghai, he could easily obtain two or three fourth rates to carry his popular yellow banner. Ambassador and Trump are waiting too good for a "Sky" meeting, but Mr. St. Vincent is a thorough sportsman, and in the interests of sport will no doubt get at least a couple of "weaners of the green." The dauntless Mac Onodda, has unfortunately sold the aged Nebuchadnezzar; but I hear he has a fairly good pony called Melchisedek (correct spelling not guaranteed) which is warranted to gallop, jump, trot, and climb up a greasy pole. This is the sort of mule for a "Sky" meeting, so the green and gold colours, which Cock Robin bore to glorious victory, are likely to make a grand and sensational display. The Clerk of the Course has the spotted Too-too, a very fast animal that was once within a length of winning the Shanghai Grifflins, and which, notwithstanding his sluggish disposition, should prove dangerous both in galloping and trotting. Mr. Van Amstel will have a capital representative in the powerful Altair, winner of the Victoria Plate in 1882, and I think there are at least three other ponies in the Ewo stables that possess the gift of going. Malarindo is in the service of the notable owners of Macao, but as he makes an exceedingly indifferent cavalry charger, Mr. Loureiro would very easily get the black to carry the blue and white ensign of fair Lusitania. Our well known Macao "sport" might send Little Warlock over to avenge the defeats of last February; if he does, the bonny little chestnut will avenge his defeats at the Spring Meeting, and prove that when properly trained and ridden he can both stay, and go fast.

There are several of last year's subscription griffins in the Colony eligible for a "Sky" race, and it is classical manner Buggy looking in fine order, and he certainly carries His Excellency's smart title—who is a bruiser across country I hear—in irreproachable style. The other whilom military race, Silverstreak, is a regular attendant at the race course, and although his present owner is a welter weight and therefore unable to make a show in race riding, he is a good all round "sport" and would no doubt find a new aspirant to steer the spotted one between the flags. I often meet Gil Blas in the Queen's Road, and the handsome Bothwell, easy winner of the Cathay Cup and a certain victor in both Valley Stakes and German Cup but for being badly trained and worse ridden, in good hands could make sure of at least one race. Another winner, Skeddaddie, is doing good service in a sharebroker's trap, better training for a China pony could not possibly be desired—and although a poor trotter, this well shaped white can gallop fast, and stays well. The white faced chestnut Red Herring, is a very useful nag, and there is another white faced chestnut the cream colored Lady, which once distinguished himself by jumping down a fifteen feet wall into the Robinson Road; and is now the property of a distinguished member of the Hongkong (not the Hotel) bar—a very dangerous member where there are any obstacles to negotiate. There are probably a few other ponies in the colony that would take their chance; but those I have named are sufficiently numerous to provide capital sport, if the affair is properly handled.

The programme should present few difficulties. A series of sufficient value for a dozen races could easily be obtained, if necessary, by agreeing with the C. C. that a race held confined to hacks, owned and ridden by Hongkong residents, would bring a large field to the post and produce good sport. Conditions as to entrance fees, distance, etc., could be arranged afterwards, but it would be desirable to make certain stipulations, such as, for instance, that the ponies eligible must be the bona fide property of Hongkong residents, and regularly backed in this colony for two months previous to the date of entry. A stipulation to the effect that the ponies must be at least 3 years of age, and that the race should be a novelty. I have heard it suggested that the ponies would have to trot against time as they would not run in company. This is surely an erroneous idea; during training nearly the whole of the work is done in trotting, so that with heats of 15 or 20 laps each, some very exciting sport would result. Of course the usual rules in regard to non-interference would have to be enforced. A number of people have would regard this as a novelty, and it is another fine feature of the cream colored Lady, which once distinguished himself by jumping down a fifteen feet wall into the Robinson Road; and is now the property of a distinguished member of the Hongkong (not the Hotel) bar—a very dangerous member where there are any obstacles to negotiate. There are probably a few other ponies in the colony that would take their chance; but those I have named are sufficiently numerous to provide capital sport, if the affair is properly handled.

There are no difficulties in the way which cannot be obtained, and if the "Sky" Meeting is to be a success, it is necessary that the promoters will have to secure the support of the community at large, and also, and more particularly, of the sporting element. The object in view is a most admirable one, and whatever support it can give to Mr. Tripp and his coadjutors will be greatly forthcoming. An Old Sportsman.

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